

Trucker Update

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New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 04 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- **As of 04 Feb:**
 - **Minimal people on Parliament Hill, Wellington and surrounding streets.**
 - **Police resources are aware of a makeshift camp that has been built in Confederation Park.** [Link](#)
 - **There are several potential demonstrations being planned for 05 Feb in the City of Ottawa. These are a mix of demonstrations and counter-demonstrations.**
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have confirmed two convoys coming this weekend from the East, and one coming from Kingston.
- Demonstration continues at the port of entry at Coutts, AB.
 - Two lanes of traffic are open on the highway in the vicinity of Coutts, allowing access to the US border.
 - A second blockade has been organized approximately 20 km north of Coutts. – [Link](#)
 - **AB First Nation calls attention to ‘blatant disparity’ in response to Coutts protests.** – [Link](#)
 - **RCMP unsure when AB border protest will end.** – [Link](#)
- Additional demonstrations are planned at numerous ports of entry from the US, however, these are currently unconfirmed.
- **Demonstrations begin in Quebec City, QC:**
 - **Trucker convoys began to arrive in Quebec City the evening of 03 Feb.** – [Link](#)
 - **Demonstrations are expected to take place in the vicinity of the QC National Assembly buildings.**
- **Demonstrations to begin in Toronto, ON:**
 - **A convoy is expected to head to Toronto over the weekend.** – [Link](#)
 - **Demonstrations are expected to occur at Queen’s Park.** – [Link](#)
- A Mariners’ vessel parade is being planned across Canada, reportedly aiming to “protest in ports and all over Canadian shipping lanes.”
 - The movement’s Facebook page has gained over 12,000 members.
 - The event is planned for 04 Feb at 13:00 local time at participant ports. While disruptive activity is not being considered for 04 Feb, consideration is being given to disrupting commercial marine transportation in future events should demands not be met.

Preparedness and Response efforts

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconference with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- **The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Chief provided an update on the police response at 09:00 EST, 04 Feb.** [Link](#)
- **RCMP is sending more officers to assist OPS.** [Link](#)
- OPS is actively patrolling downtown residential neighborhoods. On 02 Feb, 30 traffic tickets and one criminal charge were laid.
- In a briefing to city councilors on 02 Feb, the OPS Chief stated policing alone might not solve the ongoing occupation of the downtown core and military aid might be necessary. – [Link](#)
 - No Request for Federal has been received and the GOC is not aware of any conversations on this topic.
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 07 Feb.
- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.
- **On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Quebec City, QC. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.**
- **NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River, AB in addition to Coutts, AB until 09 Feb.**
- OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- OPS additionally reports the following:
 - No violence has taken place in the NCR.
 - Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on [planned traffic routes and road closures](#).
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event has been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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